WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1.   A method for communicating a navigation device with a server, comprising:

instructing, prior to initiating start-up of a navigation device, a communication portion to communicate with a server;

starting-up the communication portion, the communication portion connected to the navigation device;

communicating with the server using the communication portion; and

starting-up, after the communication portion has started-up, portions of navigation device unnecessary for communication.

2.   The method of claim 1, wherein starting-up the communication portion comprises starting-starting up a network driver.

3.   The method of claim 2, wherein starting-up the network driver comprises starting up a wireless LAN program.

4.   The method of claim 2, wherein starting-up the network driver comprises starting up a TCP/IP program.

5.   The method of claim 1, wherein starting-up portions of the navigation device unnecessary for communication comprises starting-up drivers and programs unnecessary for communication.

6.   The method of claim 1, wherein starting-up the communication portion comprises initiating starting-up the navigation device.

7.   A navigation device, comprising:

a communication portion that is configured to communicate with a server that distributes data; and

a data storage portion that stores the data that is distributed from the server;

wherein, when start-up of the navigation device is initiated, communication with the server is executed and the distributed data is downloaded prior to completion of start-up.

8.   The navigation device of claim 7, further comprising a controller that:

initiates start up of the navigation device;

starts-up the communication portion;

instructs the communication portion to communicate with the server, prior to completion of start-up of the navigation device.

9.   The navigation device of claim 7, further comprising:

at least one of a display portion and a voice output portion, wherein after start-up of the navigation device is completed, data stored in the data storage portion is at least one of displayed on the display portion and voice output from the voice output portion.

10.   The navigation device of claim 7, wherein when an operating system starts up following initiation of start-up of the navigation device, a network driver starts up and the distributed data is downloaded, and then start-up of a device driver other than the network driver and an application program is executed.

11.   The navigation device of claim 7, wherein data that is pre-set is downloaded from the server.

12.   The navigation device of claim 7, wherein the communication portion is a wireless local area network device.

13.   The navigation device of claim 7, wherein the communication portion is a removable cellular terminal.

14.   The navigation device of claim 7, wherein the communication portion communicates directly with the server.

15.   The navigation device of claim 7, wherein the communication portion communicates with an information terminal, the information terminal connected to the server through a network.

16.   A navigation device, comprising:

means for instructing, prior to initiating start-up of a navigation device, a communication portion to communicate with a server;

means for starting-up the communication portion, the communication portion connected to the navigation device;

means for communicating with the server using the communication portion; and

means for starting-up, after the communication portion has started-up, portions of navigation device unnecessary for communication.

17.   A storage medium storing a set of program instructions executable on a data processing device and usable for communicating a navigation device with a server, the set of program instructions comprising:

instructions for instructing, prior to initiating start-up of a navigation device, a communication portion to communicate with a server;

instructions for starting-up the communication portion, the communication portion connected to the navigation device;

instructions for communicating with the server using the communication portion; and

instructions for starting-up, after the communication portion has started-up, portions of navigation device unnecessary for communication.